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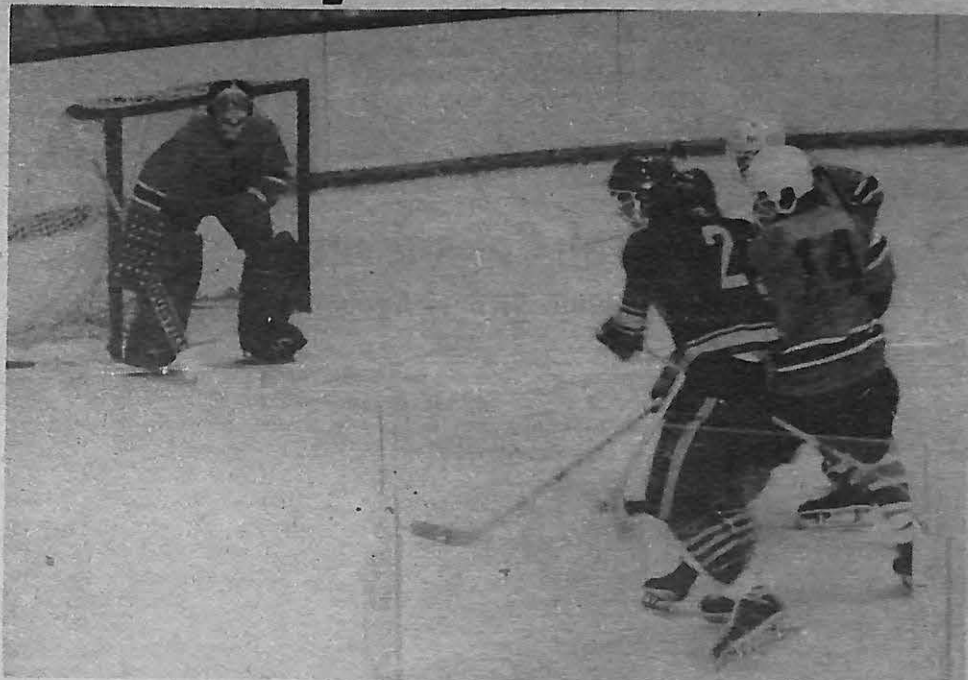
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Agawam Clinches Fay Division



Kevin Murphy (30) gets ready to make another save as Jim Dow (14) and John Wagner (17) try to prevent Bob Crane (2) of Putnam from taking a shot. Agawam won game 7-3 and Fay Division Title.

photo by Jack Devine

The Agawam Brownies have won the Fay Division Championship with a decisive victory over Putnam High School 9-3.

Brownies scoring came from Gary Malanson who had the "hat trick" and an assist, Jim Dow scored 2 goals and had three assists, and single goals by Brian McNamara, Jim Sibilia, Scott Rheault and Alan Harding (who also had 4 assists). Goaltender Kevin Murphy had a good game in net, making numerous saves.

The Brownies, coached by

Bill Sapelli, put together a good team effort to defeat the very rough Putnam team.

The win was Agawam's eleventh straight win. Their impressive record is a great improvement over last years disappointing 2-15-1 record. According to Coach Sapelli, in his first year as Head Coach, the main reason for their drastic improvement is that "the players believe in themselves and the team. They had the ability last year but they didn't believe they could win. They have a

winning attitude". Throughout the season the team has had the ability to come from behind and win.

The team has several outstanding players on the roster, but Coach Sapelli feels that there has been a "total team effort". The Brownies have five boys who have great scoring records going but they are unselfish, they help each other.

The Brownies play basic hockey-good passing, good goaltending, and good defense.

Agawam Senior Center

Wright Street, Agawam, Mass. 01001

Would you like to see the Rockettes at Radio City for the last time? Sign up for our April 5th trip. In the morning you have a date with the Statue of Liberty. Price for all, including dinner is \$24.00.

On March 14th we will visit the greenhouse and spring flower show at Mt. Holyoke College, then visit their art museum (conducted tour), Lunch at the fabulous Riverboat. And in the afternoon, shopping at the Enfield Mall. Price \$12.00.

Next Foot Clinic: March 2, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. Please make an appointment.

We would like to thank Mrs. Mary Payne for her generous donation to the Thursday afternoon class in memory of Elsie Hirschbegr.

Menu for the week of February 27 - March 3

Monday - Knockwurst, sweet potato, sauerkraut, cake.

Tuesday - Hamburger patties, creamed potatoes, breaded eggplant, jello.

Wednesday - Beef stew, baked potatoes, lettuce, fruit.

Thursday - Baked chicken, noodles, creamed spinach, cookies.

Friday - Fish baked in celery sauce, whipped potatoes, stewed tomatoes, canned peaches.

New Business

Opens in Agawam

The Country Butcher Shoppe will open for business at 483 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, next to Johnny's Kitchen Restaurant on Wednesday, March 1. We are pleased to carry their Grand Opening advertisement in this issue. We welcome them to the community and wish them every success.

Village Lounge Upsets Feeding Hills Pharmacy

OVER 30 BASKETBALL

The Feeding Hills Pharmacy 25-game win streak was snapped by Village Lounge on Sunday, February 26.

Undefeated this season, Pharmacy quickly broke on top 7-0 in the first two minutes of the game. Village Lounge recovered their composure to tie it at half time, 30-30.

The Lounge used a good defense and a couple of timely baskets to win it in the second half.

Complete results and league standings are on page 12.

Employee Performance Appraisal Program

The Town Manager has announced plans for an "Employee Performance Appraisal Program" to be initiated in all departments within the town government system.

Adult Day Care Center Planned

The Agawam Senior Center plans to open an adult day care center. This will be primarily a social program for elderly who need supervision during the day. It is intended to benefit the lonely senior as well as those families who are solely responsible for the care of a mentally or physically handicapped elderly person.

The Center can provide a safe, stimulating environment, supervision, activities and rest periods. Two snacks and a wholesome, balanced hot lunch will be served. Participants can stay in the program as long as they choose. Hours will be flexible to suit the needs of the individual. The Center is open from 9-4, five days a week.

If you have a friend or family member who could profit from this service, or if you would like additional information, please call Mrs. Taeger at the Agawam Senior Center, 786-8451.

The program is not new in the management profession but can have great value in the Town of Agawam. Mr. Caputo describes it as "cross fertilization" of input from all segments of the Town's employees in an effort to obtain the best final product.

The program is directed at reviewing performance on a regular schedule so that management has an objective test of performance to rate employees so their talents may be fully utilized and weaknesses may be overcome. Most importantly, according to Mr. Caputo, the program provides feedback to the employee so he knows at all times what his particular standing is with his superiors and what advancement op-

portunities are available to him. Each employee wants a larger slice of the pie and this format will enable him to achieve career objectives.

The system also provides the advantage of supervisor-employee contact on a personal basis and further provides an appeal procedure if the employee disagrees with his rating. The system is designed to provide the framework for advancement within the system while motivating work performance along the way.

The "Employee Performance Appraisal Program" is scheduled to take effect shortly and has been circulated to all Town Directors, Town Council members, and supervisors for input.

Theroux Names Appointments Committee

Town Council President Richard Theroux recently announced his committee appointments for the 1978-79 term.

The School Budget Committee will be chaired by Council Vice President, Francis Colli, with Councilors William Herd and Alfred Serra.

Herd will chair the Town Audit Committee with Councilors Kenneth Barnes and Donald Laduzenski.

The Rules and Regulations Committee will be chaired by

Dennis Roberts with Councilors John Bartnik and John McNamara, Jr.

The Ordinance Committee will be chaired by Councilor Paul Paleologopoulos, with Councilors Barnes and Paul Fieldstad.

Councilor Roberts will chair the Utility Committee with Councilors Floyd Landers and Serra.

Councilor Barnes will head the Route 57 Extension Committee with Councilors Frederick Nardi and Councilor Bartnik.

Agawam Jaycees Recognize Police Auxillary



Ferris presents a plaque to Auxillary Chief Jack Devine for their outstanding contribution. Also pictured is Police Chief Romeo Borgatti and Auxillary Captain James Martone.

It has been almost one year since the Agawam Jaycees raised nearly \$8,000 to buy the town a new ambulance.

The funds were raised through several Jaycee projects such as the Haunted House, Beer Garden, Intersection Collection, etc. The Jaycees also coordinated a "mail-in" campaign as well as solicited donations from local businesses and organizations.

Bob Ferris, President of the Jaycees and Chairman of the Ambulance Fund Drive, said that of the hundreds of donations received from citizens,

organizations, and businesses, that the Police Auxillary's effort stood above all others.

During one weekend in March of last year, the Police Auxillary went door-to-door in search of donations from Agawam residents. After knocking on thousands of doors, the 60 man auxillary unit had collected over \$7,000 in donations. Ferris helped map out the strategy for the door-to-door campaign, with Auxillary Chief Jack Devine, Capt. James Martone, and Sgt. Leonard Rising III.

Ferris cited the Police Auxillary unit as the largest contributor to the Jaycees Ambulance Fund Drive.

Ferris noted that the Jaycees retain over \$5,000 in a high interest bearing savings account. These funds will stay on account to be used for future equipment needs of the ambulance.

Other significant and large donations were received from the Lions Club, Rotary, Police Association, Food Mart, and Farm Credit Bank.

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Easter Seal Coffee Day

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Coffee Day Chairmen from the Agawam Police Department are Romeo Borgatti, Acting Chief and Sgt. Stanley Chmielewski.

Coffee Day is a two week event conducted before the Easter Seal Telethon, Designed to acquaint the general public with the programs and services of the Society and to enlist financial support for their contribution. The Easter Seal Society provides programs and services for physically handicapped people of all ages. Since 1944, the Society has been helping individuals show their ability to grow and develop as happy, useful people. Through social action and therapy, and through recreation, swimming and camping programs, the Society helps improve the quality of life for people with physical disabilities.

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Members of the Polish American Club Bingo Committee are (from left) Phil Fini, Julie Kozokowski, Nobby Adamski, Jack Liptak, Pauline George, and Earl George.

photo by Jack Devine

Business Profile:

Travel Consultants

430 Main Street, Agawam

Donna Allen owner of Travel Consultants, 430 Main Street, Agawam is wife of Robert C. Allen, Vice President of Berkshire Industries located in Westfield. Aside from running a travel agency, Donna has a full-time job with her family of three. Her son attends Williston Academy and her daughters attend local Southampton schools.

When she isn't attending one of her daughters' gymnastic meets she is either bowling-she is president of the IHOP League-or trying out some new cooking recipes which she manages to pick up during her travels. Her husband Bob claims she is a gourmet cook and if you don't believe him, all you have to do is look at him to see that he is pretty well-fed.

Donna also dabbles in plant growing. She says she doesn't have a green thumb, she just feeds her plants well also.

Donna's interest in travel came about six years ago when she took a two week European trip. That did it!



Travel Consultants is Agawam's only travel agency. For those who do not know exactly why a travel agency operates, Donna would like to explain: "We book airline reservations, and

write the tickets in our office; we make reservations for hotels; plan special vacations, and I would like to add, that we try to keep within the client's budget. We book cruises, car rentals, charter vacations and group trips for clubs, organizations, and commercial accounts. All of this service is 'free'. My employees have done extensive travelling-they have been all the way around the world-India, the Orient, Europe, Hawaii, the Caribbean, Poland. So, if you are planning a vacation but really don't know where you would like to go, stop in and let the Travel Consultants tell you tales of their travels." By the way, Donna would like to invite you to pay them a visit. Dress casual, and plan to spend some time there. She insists that her girls give their clients as much time as they need to decide on what they are going to spend their money on. As she says, "We are casual, and we don't rush our clients."

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Brownie Troop 543 and Jr. Girl Scout Troop 553 both from Danahy School joined together over school vacation for a "sister activity"--a sleighride at Crowley's stables. Shown with the Brownies are Mrs. Connery, a volunteer Mom, and Terry Lettelier.

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Members of Cub Scout Pack 77 with their leaders, Dave D'Angelo, Assistant Cub Master and Robert Andry, right, Cub Master.

Cub Scout Pack 77 Holds Blue & Gold Banquet



Mrs. Muriel Addleman gives son Freddie big kiss after he received his one year service pin and his perfect attendance pin.

photo by Jack Devine

Members of Cub Scout Pack 77 recently held their 11th Annual Blue and Gold Banquet at St. John's Parish Center. Over 200 people attended the event in honor of the 65 boys from James Clark & Phelps Schools who are members of the Pack.

Cub Master, Bob Andry, assisted by Dave D'Angelo presented over 100 awards to Pack members.

Food was prepared by volunteers Frank Bush, Chef and Clayton Zambis first cook, both of Noble Hospital. The Ladies Auxillary and Jr. Women's Auxillary from the V.F.W. Post 1632 served the sit-down dinner.

A highlight of the event was a presentation to the Pack of the American Flag by Mary Addleman, representing the Agawam V.F.W. Women's Auxillary.

Mary McCarthy of Agawam received a certificate and pin for her twelve years of continuous service as a Den Leader Coach.

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photo by
Jack Devine

The Agawam Rotary announced the election of officers for 1978. The incoming officers will take office in July 1978. Pictured left to right are: Jack Sarat, incoming Treasurer, outgoing V.P.; Paul Javorski, outgoing Treasurer; Dave DeLancey incoming President; Lou Kearns incoming Sgt. at Arms; Rev. Don Morris outgoing Secretary; Hal Oppenheimer, outgoing Sgt. at Arms; John McGovern, outgoing Director; Rev. Floyd Bryan, outgoing Director; and Ray Pieczarka, outgoing President.

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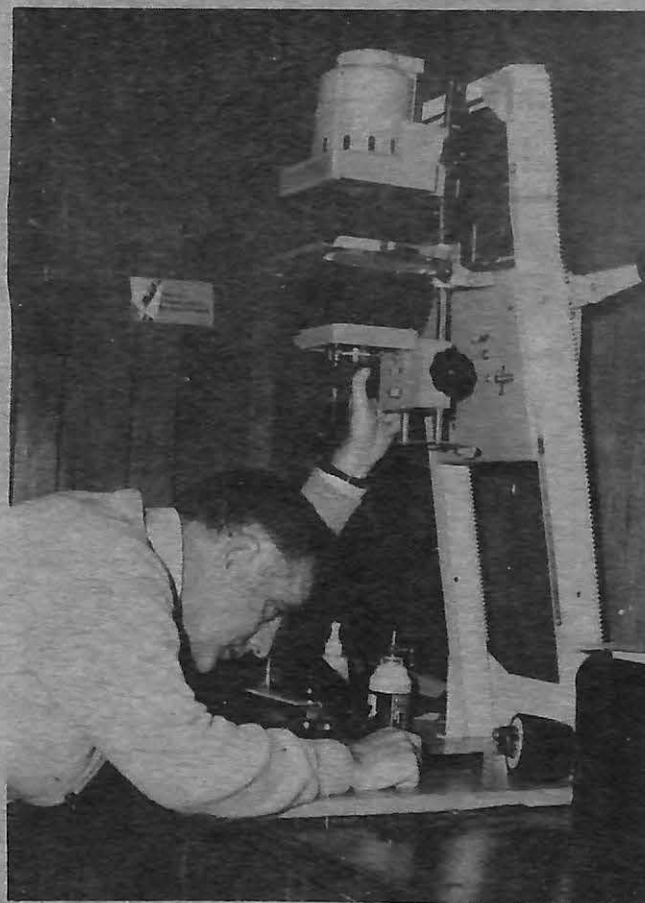
We are an International organization with many

chapters thruout the country. Springfield Chapter 82 alone has a membership of over 1400 people. Come find out what P.W.P. is about. We enjoy a variety of functions, dances, get-togethers, family picnics, camping, children's parties, discussions, and

much more.

Those eligible for membership are single parents-divorced, widowed, separated, or unmarried. Custody of children is not a requirement for membership. Age of children is no barrier.

Meet Jack Devine



Jack Devine, the Agawam Advertiser/News's staff photographer preparing photos for our next edition.

Jack Devine of Agawam, became interested in photography a little over a year ago. With the help and guidance of another Agawam Photographer, Jim Martone, Jack has been able to produce the quality pictures you see in our newspaper.

Jack graciously volunteers his time and talents to this newspaper, often working long, erratic hours. The financial rewards are non-existent, but the "personal satisfaction" he receives for his efforts is great.

Aside from being "the man behind the camera", Jack is also the Chief of the Auxillary Police here in Agawam. A member of the Auxillary since 1961, Jack is also a member of the Central Mass. Police Association and the Western Mass. Safety Officers' Organization.

Jack is married and has four children. His oldest daughter Brenda, will be graduating from Pittsburgh State College in June.

Anyone interested in obtaining prints of the pictures you see here in the paper should contact Jack at 789-0053.

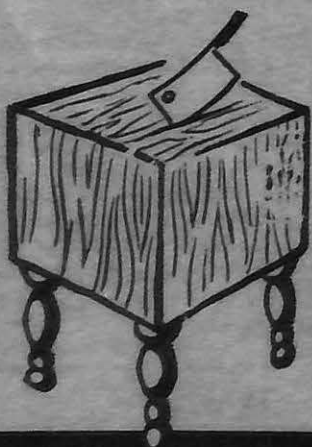
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Editorials



Commentary:
Chief Librarian Appointment

The Town Charter grants the right of appointing various positions to the Town Manager. Chief Librarian is one of them. He appointed Miss Donna Campbell of Agawam to the position for six months with the proviso "that at the end of that time period there be an employee evaluation of her performance." He has also stated that he has checked with people on the State Library Commission and has received assurances that Miss Campbell's student status will not prevent Agawam from receiving state funding.

Unfortunately, the appointment came at precisely the same time that the local Library Board of Trustees was coming to a decision on recommending candidates after conducting an exhausting search to fill the vacancy. Mr. Caputo firmly believes that the Board was not close to a decision but that actually from three to five more months would be needed by "their own time frame". Hence the appointment of Miss Campbell.

Mr. Caputo believes in "promoting from within whenever possible." This woman has worked in the Town Library system for nine years, comes highly recommended and is local. Besides, Mr. Caputo stated, the appointment is for six months, as pointed out to the Board, with a proviso that her performance be evaluated and a final determination made.

Unfortunately, again, the choice of Miss Campbell was not well received by the Board because they felt that she was neither qualified (not having a Masters Degree in Library Science) nor that she had even applied for the position. The Board felt that her appointment was a collective slap and reflected an attitude that their efforts have been both a waste and a sham.

The charges and countercharges would make your head swim. Anonymous night callers have tried to give us inside facts (or ammunition) but have only served to further mire the situation. The personal attacks, undercurrents and innuendoes have burst forth. All in all, no one has come through this drama untarnished. The Town Manager's timing is suspect. Miss Campbell's credentials are questioned. The Board has resigned in an apparently emotional setting. The media has misquoted and misedited "news".

People are up to here with mistakes. When the dust settles let's hope the parties remember why we are here: our beautiful new Library (long overdue) will need top level administration. The entire system will need help pulling everything together. Let's hope that the resignations did not cause us to lose the best talent available in the community and that people step forward as "friends of the Library".

Finally, the Town Manager is not required by the Town Charter to heed the advice of any committee or board. He is paid to make certain decisions and depending on how those decisions stand the test of time rests his future and ours. Name calling, pride or ego won't put together a Library system. Only qualified people who care can do that. Let's give it a chance (not that we have a choice), but even more importantly, let's pitch in and help.

Miss Campbell is on the line. Mr. Caputo is on the line. If worse comes to worse, document your case in a businesslike manner and when the appropriate time comes...chop heads. Meanwhile, let's try to make it work.



It's Amusing

by Bob Guevin

Like Rodney Dangerfield, I get no respect. In my case, however, it's because of my apparent absentmindedness. My wife becomes exasperated when I can't remember why I'm at the grocery store and have to call her to find out that it's milk. Well I have a newsflash for some people. I am not absentminded. I am cursed with tunnel vision of the mind. I may not remember a grocery list for more than three minutes but I can quote verbatim a conversation concerning advertising or advertising copy that occurred within the last year. I don't seem to be able to recall trivia, such as my wedding anniversary, birthdays and holidays but I can remember the important things. Now, if I can just find someone who agrees with me about what's important, I've got it made.

We received a great "Letter to the Editor" this past week. The writer extolled the quality, neatness and casualness of this newspaper in high terms. My heart sang to read such praise. I want to thank my cousin Tommy Guevin of Lowell, Mass. for such a nice letter. Seems that while visiting town a week ago, a friend had given him a copy of the paper which was the first he knew about us buying it. Please, Tommy, the next time you send us a letter, sign someone else's name. It's more convincing.

You'll never come closer to perfection than on the fourth draft of your resume. So remember, applicants, you're at your peak... ask for the most money you can get, it's all downhill from there.

The Connelly Report

The disarrangement caused by the recent great storm, gradually and steadily has fallen back to normalcy. Traffic is once again rolling and parking the car as futile as ever.

Committee hearings on all matters of legislative concern started in earnest this week. Major bills which were heard centered around methods of recycling materials, primarily to offset the expected onslaught of support for a "Bottle Bill". Various industries now offer to provide settings and fundings for stations which will accept glass, metal, etc. for recycling. This is being well received in some states and has provided an alternative to potential problems now being encountered in some states which have passed bottle legislation.

Committees on Counties, Public Safety, Transportation bills to reorganize the MBTA operations, requiring emission control testing for motor vehicles, safety belt legislation for children and various personnel changes in the courts and jails of the Commonwealth are now meeting.

The Committee on counties discharged the Court Reform package to Ways and Means with no change in language, virtually the same bill approved earlier by the Judiciary Conference Committee. Court Reform will now undoubtedly go to the floor for debate later next week.

The Ways and Means Committee has scheduled public hearings on the Governor's budget to commence on March 2, and all agencies will be heard daily through March 22. There is much optimism that this ambitious schedule can be met, that a budget for Massachusetts will be signed prior to June. The thrust, of course, is for early prorogation thereby enabling the campaign and election process to start as soon as possible in the year, a year mandated to cut the House membership from 240 to 160 Representatives.

Rep. Edward W. Connelly
565 River Road
Agawam, Mass. 01001

Richard Theroux



Four terms on the Town Council, three as President of that body--this would seem quite an accomplishment for any one person, but the fact that Richard Theroux is only twenty five years old makes his record of public service that much more impressive. Theroux, a lifelong resident of Agawam, was the youngest Town Meeting member elected when that form of government existed in Agawam. When he was nineteen, he was elected to the Town Council, at which time he was the youngest elected official in Agawam.

Theroux teaches Government in the Springfield school system, yet he manages to be at the Town Hall, after school, four days out of five. His busy schedule precludes his participation in "outside" activities, yet he manages to find time to teach Government--his favorite subject for the Continuing Ed. Division at STCC.

Theroux stated that the problems of the recent past were part of the changeover to the new form of govern-

ment and were to be expected. He said that he is a "strong advocate" of the type of government we now have and that he is "proud of Agawam and its people for taking the initiative of having a progressive form of government". Theroux feels that Peter Caputo will be a good Town Manager and that "taking the politics out of the government" was definitely a step in the right direction. Agawam has a large budget and therefore needs a professional to make the system work. He said that in the near future, people will look upon Agawam as an example of the positive results that can be obtained by the Manager/Council form of government. He went on to say that proper handling of the budget will lead to tangible results such as a good tax rate, and a more efficient government which will have a good rapport with the community.

Theroux said that the Town Hall is now an efficiently run organization--trimmed to make it more efficient. He claimed that the personnel now have strong leadership

From the Editor's Desk

by Pat Guevin



I'd like to comment on a recent article published in the Springfield Republican in which the author attempted to place the blame for the violence in the Greater Springfield Junior Amateur Hockey League on the parents. Being a "hockey parent" myself, I must take exception to his statement that the problem would be solved if all the parents were locked in a soundproof room.

I propose that the violence **does not** happen because a few (yes a few) parents choose to conduct themselves in a manner unbecoming adults, but because the violence **on** the ice is allowed and even encouraged by certain coaches and referees.

I have witnessed games where the players on certain teams knew only one brand of hockey--the "dirty" kind. Without their tripping, hooking, cross-checking and charging, they'd be forced to play a game of skill and lose. This kind of activity is certainly not conducive to good sportsmanship and is something that is not done instinctively--it is **learned**!

O.K., so the kids learn how to be violent players. They get on the ice and what happens? A referee calls countless penalties on them and they spend more time in the penalty box than on the ice--right? Wrong! They are "allowed" to bend the rules by the officials. I have seen referees **verbally** admonish players for a variety of flagrant violations (elbowing, spearing) in one ear and out the other.

One must hold the G.S.J.A.H.L. officials accountable for the coaches who are allowed to encourage violence and for the referees who are permitted to ignore it. I have spoken to some conscientious coaches - and the **majority** of them are conscientious - who have asked those in charge of the League to institute a "no check" rule. They have been turned down. One has only to look at our Canadian neighbors to see how effectively the game of hockey can be -without checking, the precursor of hockey violence-but the G.S.J.A.H.L. refuses to see.

In the final analysis, then, the League sanctions the elements that precipitate the violence. A growing number of coaches and parents are becoming increasingly disturbed by the violence that is permitted on the ice. I have watched games where four and five players have been injured--some transported to hospital. What will it take before enough people demand that the safety of the players be the first consideration of the League? How serious do the injuries have to become? Let us clean up the game of hockey here in Greater Springfield area and begin to stress skill and not brutality before some kid is injured for life-or worse.

and are given a direction in which to go. In particular, he complimented the Police Department for making great progress in streamlining their operation.

Being elected President of the Council this third term was a "great honor", Theroux said. He stated that by choosing him again, the Council reflected their confidence in him, and the same time, showed that they did not feel that he was the cause of their past problems. Theroux looks upon his position as an "awesome responsibility". He stated that a bad Chairman could hurt the present form of government in Agawam simply because it is new and vulnerable.

As President of the Council, Theroux works closely with the Town Manager. Together they discuss the agenda for the Council meetings, issues at hand, and any problems relating to the various Manager/Council functions. He said that a major Council goal is to make the budget more responsive to the needs of the Town. He claims that more accountability is needed in the allocation of funds with the final outcome being a fair and equitable tax rate.

It is apparent that Richard Theroux is totally involved in what he does. He was also involved in bringing about Student Government Day at Agawam High School a few years back. This, he said, gave him a chance to combine the two things he loves--teaching kids and government. On a particular Student Government Day, a senior named Dennis Roberts was chosen to participate on a mock Town Council. Today Dennis is on Agawam's Town Council, and Richard Theroux likes to feel that perhaps in some small way his love for government helped to influence Robert's decision to seek election.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Being an employee of a Westfield Firm, I have had several opportunities to enjoy that city's local newspaper and many times have wished Agawam had a similar publication. When the Agawam Advertiser/News was left at my home address, I was delighted.

It's a pleasure to read about local activities; be it social, political, or otherwise.

Thank you, good luck, and much success.

Julia W. Kozikowski

Obituaries

Nellie O'Neil

Nellie O'Neil, 86, of 61 Cooper St., Agawam, retired nurse who worked in private practice for many years before retiring in 1958, died Saturday, February 25, in a local nursing home. Born in County Cork, Ireland, she lived in New York City before moving here four years ago. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church. She leaves a sister, Julia O'Neil of Boston, and several cousins. The funeral was Monday morning at the Curran-Jones funeral home, West Springfield, and in the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

David J. Marvici—

A Success Story

David Marvici opened a hair cutting and designing salon in Southwick, called **The Hair Freaks**, about one and a half years ago. Possessing charisma and know how, Dave's business has been a tremendous success. Now David is announcing the opening of a new business venture called **The Beauty Shack**. Also located in Southwick, the new salon will offer just about every beauty service one would need. Judging by his track record, we are sure that this new venture will also be very successful. Good luck, David Marvici.



Obituaries

William E. Dutton

William E. Dutton, 59, of 737 North St., employee of Wico Electric Co. of West Springfield, died Tuesday, February 21, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Springfield, he lived in Agawam 20 years and was formerly employed by the Perkins Machine and Gear Co. of West Springfield. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and was a member of the Permag Association. He leaves his wife, Loretta (Trotter) Dutton; a daughter, Geraldine Callahan of West Suffield, Conn.; two brothers, Francis of West Springfield and John of Springfield; three sisters, Doris Desatels and Helen Gagne, both of Springfield, and Mildred Scofield of North Reading, and two grandchildren. The funeral was held at Curran-Jones Funeral Home. Donations may be made to the Cancer Society at the Baystate Medical Center.

Rosalie Marie Taft

Rosalie Marie (Bourgelas) Taft, 75, of 51 Robin Ridge Dr., retired-Student Prince Restaurant cashier, died Wednesday, February 22, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. She formerly worked at Westinghouse Corp. for 25 years. Born in Canada, she lived in Springfield most of her life and was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. She leaves a son, Harold G. Elkas of Springfield; a daughter, Gertrude Y. Spagnoli of Agawam; three brothers, Roger and Ralph, both of Springfield, and Albert of Chicopee; a sister, Juliette Trombley of Springfield; five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. The funeral was held Friday, February 24, at Frank M. Forastiere and Sons Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all of Springfield.

Susie Colli

Susie (Cebrelli) Colli, 87, of 17 Oak Hill Ave., widow of Frank Colli, died Monday in Mercy Hospital. Born in Windsor Locks, Conn., she had lived in Agawam all her life and was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. She leaves three

sons, Thomas E., Francis A., and James H., all of Agawam; a daughter, Norma Connolly, with whom she made her home, two sisters, Mary Cavanaugh and Pauline Granfield all of Agawam, and three grandchildren. The funeral was held Thursday, February 23, at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in St. Anthony of Padua Church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Angelina Ladizki

Angelina (Solari) Ladizki, 52, of 89 Silver Lake Drive, an inspector for the Smith and Wesson Co., Springfield, died Sunday, February 19, in Palms of Pasadena Hospital, St. Petersburg, Fla. Born in Springfield, she lived most of her life there before moving to Agawam nine years ago and was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints of Springfield, the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the Nile. She leaves her husband, Alexander A. Ladizki; two sons, Atty. David A. and Peter, both of Agawam; a daughter, Cynthia M. Lorge of Agawam; a brother, Silvio C. of Agawam. The funeral was held Thursday, February 23, at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield. Donations may be made to the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, Springfield.

This Week's Young Businesswoman



photo by Jack Devine

Jill Stefanik, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Stefanik of Stanley Place is this week's Advertiser/News' "Young Businesswoman of the Week". Jill delivers our newspaper to Reed, Virginia and Ley Streets, Colonial and Washington Avenues, Potomac Place and Stanley Place, a portion of Suffield Street, and Gramacy Apartments.

Jill was born in Springfield and moved to Agawam ten years ago. She is in the 6th grade at the Agawam Middle

School and has a sister, Sharon.

Her hobbies are swimming, sledding, collecting miniature glass animals, drawing, softball and bowling. Jill's cat, Pumpkin, "follows her wherever she goes." Other pets include another family cat, COCO, a rabbit, two ducks and a goose.

The Agawam/News salutes this enterprising young woman and commends her for her ambition and dedication.

Edward W. Soden

Edward W. Soden, 89, of 67 Carr Ave., retired employee of the Spaulding division of the Questor Corp., died Monday, February 20, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Hartford, Conn., he lived in Agawam 55 years and was a member of the Agawam Baptist Church. He leaves three sons, Edward G., Frederick E. and Ralph E., all of Agawam; three daughters, Ruby Hendricks and Muriel Thies, both of Agawam, and Bernice Caramazza of West Suffield, Conn.; two sisters, Mae O'Neil of Windsor, Conn., and Margaret Edstrom of West Hartford, Conn.; 18 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. The funeral was held Thursday, February 23, at Agawam Baptist Church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER weekend, geared to enrich husband-wife communication, will be conducted for married couples on March 17-19, at the Passionist Retreat House, West Springfield, Mass.

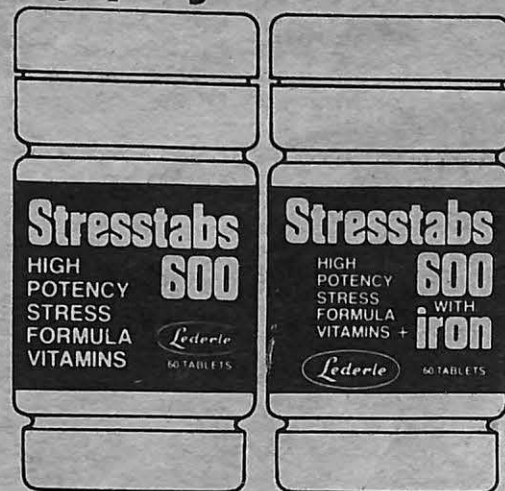
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER aims to give couples an opportunity to reflect on their attitudes toward each other

and their children, their hurts, desires, ambitions, disappointments, joys and frustrations in heart-to-heart encounter.

The weekend will begin at 8 p.m. Friday and end at 5 p.m. Sunday. Baby-sitting services are available.

For information or reservations, call the Retreat House at 736-5458, or call 536-4066.

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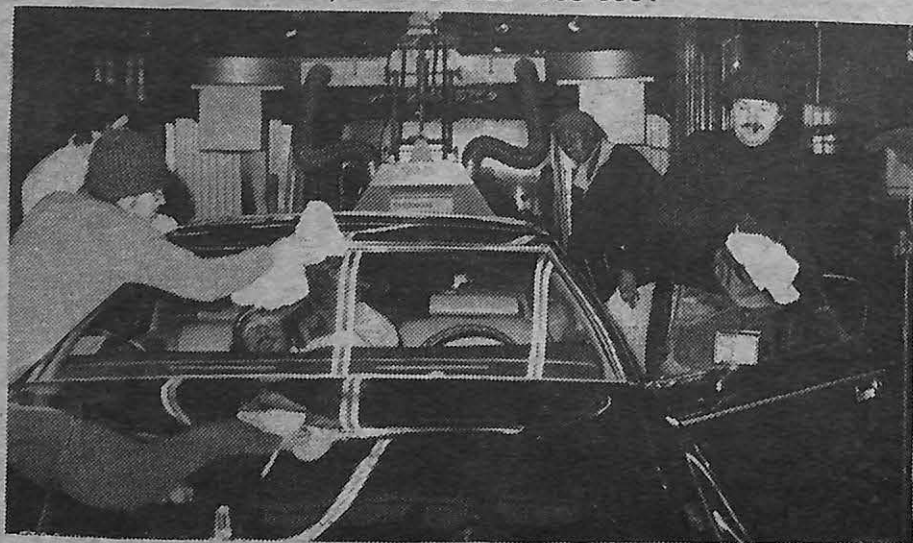
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MARCH 10, 1978

Agawam High
Basketball Banquet
6:15 P.M.
Agawam Junior High School

MARCH 8, 1978

Agawam Golden
AGERS MEETING
1:30 P.M.
Meadowbrook Manor

MARCH 17, 1978

Miss Pioneer Valley
Scholarship Ball
6:30 P.M.
Silver Carriage Inn

MARCH 3, 4, 10, 11 & 12

Agawam Repertory Theatre
"Witness for the Prosecution"
7:30 P.M. (Mar. 12 8:30)
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MARCH 18, 1978

Wilson-Thompson Post 185
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Library Storytime Series

On March 7th, the Agawam Libraries will initiate a four week storytime series for children in grades one through four. Meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoons at 3:30 at Agawam Library II, on Springfield Street. The program will combine story telling and sharing, with an emphasis on American folklore.

Time will be set aside in each session to provide every child who attends with individual assistance in finding books that appeal to his or her reading and interest levels.

Due to space limitations, enrollment for this session will be limited to 25 children, and registrations will be taken at both the Agawam Center (786-8471) and Agawam II (786-3062) libraries.

Laughing Brook Tree Sale

From now until March 15, Laughing Brook Education Center & Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden will be taking orders for a variety of quality trees. This is a fund-raising effort to help support the Sanctuary and its educational programs.

The Laughing Brook tree sale has been very popular for the past ten years, and this year two new plants have been added to the list of those offered. The much-in-demand Canadian Hemlock seedlings will be available this year as well as the first opportunity to purchase the popular hardwood seedling the Flowering White Dogwood. In addition, 4-5 year old Western Maine evergreen transplants are for sale in four species: Colorado Blue

Spruce, Scotch Pine, American Arborvitae (White Cedar) and Norway Red Pine.

According to Laughing Brook Property Manager Bill DeMallie, "Evergreens will reduce soil erosion and combat air pollution by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Also, when planted as a hedge, the trees will absorb sound and provide a visual barrier, assuring privacy."

Evergreens add to the year-round beauty and market value of a home, and act as a "climate control", by blocking out cold winter winds and providing shade from hot summer sun. Many people purchase trees to plant on unused land and retail them as Christmas in seven or eight years.

Laughing Brook is currently engaged in a Capital Funds campaign to provide a new environmental education center, auditorium space, and related teaching facilities. The campaign is being conducted by Friends of Laughing Brook, Inc., the local support organization for the Sanctuary.

Tree orders must be received at Laughing Brook by March 15. Telephone orders may be placed by calling 596-3798, 732-8898, or 566-3571 days, or 525-2553 evenings. Trees will be available for pickup at Laughing Brook on Saturday, May 13. Planting instructions will be distributed on pickup day.

UNICO to hold Macaroni Supper



Planning UNICO's Annual Macaroni Supper are left to right: Tom Cascio, Chairman of the event; Stephen Olivo, Co-Chairman; and James Bruno, president of the Agawam Chapter of UNICO. photo by Jack Devine

On Sunday, March 5, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO will hold its 17th Annual Macaroni Dinner at the Agawam Senior High School.

A macaroni dinner, prepared entirely by the members of the organization will be served from 1 to 6 p.m. to an estimated 1500 people. Cost of the tickets will be

\$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under twelve, and can be obtained from any UNICO member.

Proceeds from the dinner which is one of the organization's four annual fund raising events, are used for yearly scholarships, camper-ships, donations to Mental

Health and Cooley's Anemia research, Christmas donations to needy families and various other non-profit organizations.

Cancer Society Seeks Volunteers

The American Cancer Society is in desperate need of volunteer drivers to transport cancer patients to and from radiation therapy treatments. Patients are all ambulatory, but need transportation or they might miss vital treatments. If you have an hour or two a week to volunteer, please call Transportation Chairperson Esther Lucia at 567-7478.

Wilson-Thompson Post 185

to hold Dinner Dance

On Saturday, March 18, the Wilson-Thompson Post 185, American Legion, will hold a benefit dinner dance at the Post on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. A dinner of corned beef and cabbage will be served from 6-8 p.m. followed by dancing from 8 to midnight.

The event is being held in memory of Bernard Belcher, a past Commander and Life Member of the Post. In the past, Mr. Belcher and his wife were in charge of this annual event for Post members and members of the bowling team from Leeds Hospital, Northampton.

Tickets are \$5.00 and may be purchased from any Post member.

Jr. Women's Club Art Auction

Works by Mary Vickers, Lyn Heffner, Bardi and Chagall will be among those featured in an art auction to be held Saturday March 11, at the BayState West Community Room, Springfield. Sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, proceeds from the auction will benefit the Club's scholarship and general philanthropy funds. Marlin Art, Inc. will furnish the art which will include original signed lithographs, paintings, etchings, engravings, and sculpture. Works

may be viewed at a preview to be held at 8 p.m. with the bidding slated to begin at 9 and the public is most cordially invited to attend.

Golden Agers

The next meeting of the Agawam Golden Agers will be held at Meadowbrook Manor on March 8 at 1:30 p.m.

A "Country Store" sale will be the project of the day. Nominations for new officers will also be held.

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U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte, R-Mass., meets with students participating in the Presidential Classroom program. From left to right are Antonette M. Contrino of 180 Line Street, Feeding Hills; Paul R. Paleologopoulos, 1411 Main Street, Agawam; Congressman Conte; and Jackie McCroy, Overland Park, Kansas.

Working Parents May Receive Payment from IRS

Working parents who earned less than \$8,000 last year may again be eligible for payments of up to \$400 from the government, Herbert B. Mosher, District Director for the Internal Revenue Service in Massachusetts, said today.

To qualify for Earned Income Credit, persons must have had an adjusted gross income of less than \$8,000 in 1977 and must have maintained a household for the entire year for their child who was under 19, a full-time student or a disabled dependent.

For eligible persons the credit is 10 percent of the first \$4,000 of earned income, with a maximum credit of \$400. The credit is reduced by one dollar for each \$10 of earned or adjusted gross income over \$4,000, phasing out completely at the \$8,000 income mark.

The credit can be used to reduce income taxes owed or can be received as a refund where there is no tax liability.

Eligible persons can qualify for Earned Income Credit even though they have paid in no income tax during the year, but Mosher stressed that they must file a 1977 Federal income tax return to get it. The IRS will automatically compute the credit for taxpayers. Eligible Form 1040 filers must write "EIC" and the name of the qualifying child on line 57 of the return. Taxpayers who file Form 1040A need only write the name of the qualifying child on line 10.

Publication 596, "Tax Benefit for Low-Income Individuals", contains details on Earned Income Credit and is available free at IRS Offices.

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Fashion Show

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The Rosary Alter Society of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will present a Fashion Show, March 16, at 8:00 P.M. at the Parish Center. Proceeds will be used to purchase First Communion Gifts.

Fashions will be from Mr. Sal's Boutique, 422 Cooper St., Agawam. Chairperson of the Fashion Show is Florence Potito, assisted by Marge LaFrancis, Lucille Thornton, Lois Smus, Trudy Beavis, Nancy Doucette, Jo Tessier, and Joanne Cappuccilli.

Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given away. Tickets are available from committee members or at the door. The public is cordially invited.

Miss Pioneer Valley Scholarship Ball

Plans are currently being finalized for the Miss Pioneer Valley Scholarship Ball to be held on Friday, March 17, 1978 at the Silver Carriage at 6:30 P.M. The main feature of the event will be the presentation of the contestants who will vie for the crown of Miss Pioneer Valley on Saturday, April 1, at Agawam High School. The Pageant, an official Miss America preliminary, was formerly the Miss Agawam Scholarship Pageant until it took on the new name this year.

The Scholarship Ball is itself a continuing tradition under a new name. For many years, the Agawam Citizens Organization featured the presentation of the Pageant contestants in its annual ACO

Dinner Dance. Due to the success of this gala affair, the Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes decided to continue what they feel was a community social highlight. A buffet dinner will be served at 7:30 P.M. preceded by a reception at 6:30 P.M. Dancing will follow to the music of the Brotherhood

Orchestra. Tickets at \$6.95 per person can be obtained by calling 786-2978 or 786-3588. Serving as Chairman of the Ball are John DeBonville and Kareen Delskey, both of Feeding Hills.

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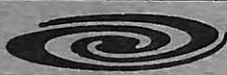
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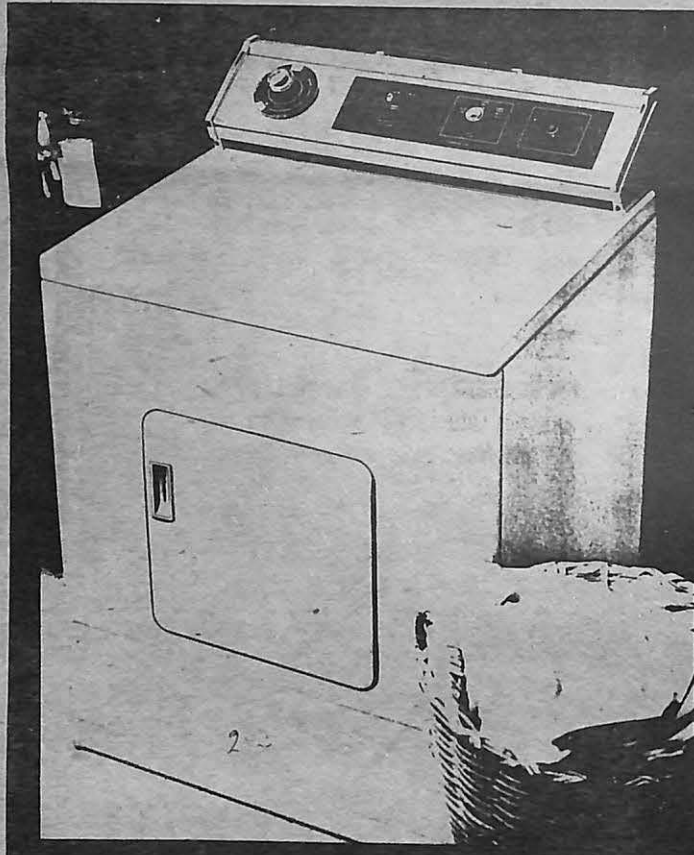
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Sports



A group of the Agawam High Hockey Cheerleaders at a recent hockey game. Their cheering efforts helped to spur the Agawam team on to the Fay Division Championship. From left to right-front row: Marsha Bessette, Judy Baj, Ann Mercadante, Lisa White. Back Row: Patty Smith, Robin Asta-Ferrero, Stacy Bergin and Roberta Scully.

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In an inter-divisional game, the West Side Terriers, under the hot hand of John Weiss with three goals and three assists, defeated the Brownies 7-3. Agawam goaltender Ron Dutton had two fantastic periods in goal making some unbelievable stops.

Agawam goals were scored by Marc Yacavone and Gary Malanson with assists by Jim Dow, Gary Malanson and two by Alan Hardina.

Agawam High Basketball Banquet

by Dan Maruszczak, Jr.

The Agawam High Basketball season will terminate this year with a banquet scheduled to take place next week at the Junior High School, where a sit-down dinner will take place on March 10 at 6:15 p.m. Price of the tickets for the annual event is set at \$6.00 per person.

Mrs. Jeannine Beaudette, treasurer of the Agawam High School Athletic Parent's Group, stated that the parents, friends, and relatives as well as the public are invited to attend the banquet.

Awards being given at the dinner will be the Most Valuable Player award, to be received by a Varsity player, while a Most Improved Player award will be given to a member of the J.V. squad. Varsity coach Wayne Morse and J.V. Coach Lou Conte are expected to be presented with a gift from the players during the banquet.

The High School's Athletic Parent's Group has been planning the banquet for quite some time, along with holding various fund raising events for the various sports teams. "We've sold candy at most of the basketball games this year, and have held a bake sale. We're also having our upcoming Alumni Game. In other words, we try to raise money for student scholarships," commented Mrs. Beaudette.

Mrs. Beaudette also added that the annual Alumni Game will be held this March 3 in the High School Gymnasium. Admission to the event will be \$1.00 for adults, and \$.50 for students. She also mentioned that the public is invited.

Tickets for the Basketball Banquet may be obtained from Mrs. Jeannine Beaudette of 125 Brien Street, treasurer of the parents group, no later than March 3.

Agawam Goes to Western Mass Hockey Tourney

by Dan Maruszczak Jr.

The Agawam High hockey team clinched the Fay Division last week, giving them a berth in the Western Mass. DIVISION II Tournament.

The eight teams selected for the Division II Tournament by the Tournament Committee are (in order of seeded positions) Taconic, Agawam, Pittsfield, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Amherst, Chicopee Comp, and East Longmeadow. The committee had found four automatic qualifiers-the top four seeds. There were 11 applicants to round out the other four spots in the field, according to Tournament director Sahler Smith. The four schools selected all had a total of 11 wins or ties to their credit.

Smith also stated that the committee also decided to use the intent of the new statewide basketball rule for hockey, and didn't go beyond a minimal eight team bracket, with non-qualifiers.

Taconic, who has won the Hennessey Division after a season-long battle with Pittsfield, got the nod for top-seed over Agawam. The Fay Division Brownies will hold a second-seed this year in the Tournament, despite their tougher schedule. The reason for this, according to the committee, is because the two schools will be in different brackets, along with the fact that the top-seed was almost academic.

Division II quarterfinals pit Agawam and Chicopee Comp tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the Coliseum. The Brownies are placed in the lower bracket quarter.

Both upper bracket winners and lower bracket victors will play semi-finals on March 2 at the Coliseum, with times depending on the participants. The Tournament finals are scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, beginning at 7:30.

Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

Last spring the stocking program was a fiasco. I recall the Wildlife workers stocked the trout in open water during the early stocking run. Fishermen followed the trucks, hooked out the fish within a week. They spread corn immediately so that the trout would stay near the shore. Congamond Lakes was disgusting. The anglers came to blows several times.

This year it is a different story. The Div. personnel are drilling holes in the ice in different locations on the lake. Nobody is following the trucks. The tipster, who notified the followers when the trucks rolled last year, is out of a job. The fish have to be caught by tip-ups or jigging through the ice. Evidently it is too much work for the "fish-hog" and more trout will be available for the fishermen when ice is out.

Time is getting short. Now is the time to take your outboard to the dealers in the area for the annual tune-up. Saunders Marina is a good bet. It is located on Middle Pond, Congamond. Charlie had a good man doing the tune-ups last year. I believe that he will be on hand this year.

Trout Production Healthy

More than 900,000 trout will be distributed in waters throughout the Commonwealth this coming spring. There will be stocking of rainbow, brown, and brook trout in both 6-9 inch and 9 plus inch categories. In the 6-9: Rainbow trout-211,900; Brown trout-133,000, and Brook trout 225,400. The 9 plus category will include rainbow trout-318,000; brown trout, 26,500 and brook trout, 26,000. I would say that we are in for a very enjoyable year of fishing in Mass.

WHAT DRAG?

Less than ten fishermen out of 100 know how to adjust and use their fishing reel's drag mechanism. Maybe it's because the basic principle looks simple, or perhaps because there has been a notable lack of information made available to help educate fishermen. More fish are lost and more blame placed on bad line or lack of fishing skill when, in fact, the true cause may be failure to properly use the reel's drag control.

Common practice has been to start out a morning's fishing by first giving a few tugs on the line. If the line strips off the reel without popping, everything's OK. Sound familiar?

A better way to check for drag adjustment is to thread the line through the rod guides of your rod. Now, have your buddy pull on the line while you flex the rod and apply line tension in the normal fishing position. Adjust the drag to the point where line can be stripped without breaking when you rare back as if to set the hook.

Watch the tip of the rod. Does it bounce erratically as line is stripped off the slipping drag? If so, you might have a dry, dirty drag mechanism that could use a cleaning and spray shot of silicone. You may notice that the tip of the rod bends farther down at first until the drag starts working.

If you are using mono line, it is a good policy to fill the reel with new line each season. Keep the spool filled. The mechanical advantage exerted on the drag mechanism drops as the effective spool diameter decreases. If you fish deep trolling or bottom fishing, you should reset your drag after stripping off that approximate length of line. On the other hand, a fishing reel drag is a poor substitute for using weak, worn line. Keep your reel filled with strong, premium mono.

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AAA Piranhas

by Debbie Gallagher
Commissioner

The Agawam Athletic Association's swim team, the Piranhas, are no longer their league's struggling beginners.

The Pioneer Valley Swim League conducted its championship tournament Feb. 11 and 12 at the Art Linkletter Natatorium on the campus of Springfield College. The AAA Piranhas entered 58 of its swimmers in 122 of the tourney's age-group events. Those 58 swimmers brought home a total of 23 trophies (awarded for 1st through 6th places) and 45 ribbons (awarded for 7th through 12th places). This is the largest number of awards the team's members have garnered in its short history. With or without ribbons and trophies, swimmers agree that the experience of meeting and competing in the impressive atmosphere of the Natatorium with people from the league's eight other teams was invaluable.

It was in the summer of 1975 that the Agawam Athletic Association agreed to sponsor a swim team for Agawam's young people. Since its beginnings that year the team has been guided for the Association by Agawam residents Rodney Richardson, Commissioner, Mrs. Sue Thornhill, Assistant commissioner, and Mrs. Dianne Richardson, Secretary. Dave Smith, Coach of Agawam High School's Boys' Varsity Swim team volunteered his time to coach the Piranhas, who numbered fewer than thirty swimmers during that

jacks from Chicopee-swimming well, but lacking the size to overwhelm teams whose numbers were two or even three times their own.

Points, trophies, ribbons and league standings, however, have always been only a part of the balanced program of the AAA Piranhas. Emphasis is necessarily upon competitive swimming instead of learning to swim, but careful attention is paid to every swimmer's chance to develop his own skills at his own level—to better his own best. Under Smith's tutelage, the Piranhas moved into their first winter season in the Pioneer Valley Swim League. They began to polish their skills and increase their experience in practice sessions and in dual meets against the league's other teams: Springfield, Chicopee, Longmeadow, E. Longmeadow, Amherst, South Hadley, Easthampton, and Wilbraham.

Word began to spread among Agawam children and their parents of an opportunity for healthy exercise, a sport where individual progress was as important as winning, and the just-plain-fun of swimming and practicing together. Numbers of team signups increased to more than triple the original 1975 roster.

Schedule conflicts caused Dave Smith to bow out as coach, and in the summer of 1975, the team hired Judi Gregory, Longmeadow High School's Varsity Swimming and Gymnastics Coach, to

who practice and compete in five age groups. These are kids who have learned to swim at Parks and Rec programs in Agawam, in private lessons, at the Y, or in their own pools. They sign up because they hear from their friends or parents about the opportunity to increase their skills, because they want to compete in a sport that allows them to "shine" both as individuals and as members of a team, or simply because they like to swim.

Besides swimmers, there is the coach—the person who guides the team toward its best performance. Judi Gregory has the education, experience, and desire to do just that for the Piranhas. A Springfield College graduate, Judi was herself a champion swimmer and diver, as well as a champion gymnast. Since then, she has coached her Longmeadow High School Girls' Varsity Swim Team to its individual and league championships. Judi mana-

and loyal rooting sections in the League. These swimmers, their coach, and the parents are supported by their own hard work and by the sponsorship of the Agawam Athletic Association.

After sign-ups, begin practice sessions three or four times per week. Conducted at the Agawam Junior High School pool, practices are supervised by qualified personnel in addition to Coach Gregory. All work and no play? Not on your life. In practice at Christmas-time this year, for instance, the swimmers expected their usual work-out. Instead, they found themselves racing down the pool while carrying an open umbrella, or while pushing a peanut with their mouths, in "hot competition" and more than a few laughs.

Practices prepare swimmers for dual meets. In the season upcoming, Agawam Piranhas will compete in the Western Mass. Summer Swim League,

as they have before. Until school is dismissed for summer vacation, practice sessions, which begin in late April, are held of course after school hours. Meets will begin after school is out, and will be held weekly on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. (In the winter season, meets are held on week-end afternoons.)

Sign-ups for the Piranhas 1978 Summer season will be held March 4. A small registration fee helps to pay coaching fees, the cost of

league membership, and for the Piranhas' T-shirt which every team member receives.

Interested persons should turn to the last page of this paper for the announcement of sign-up times. These announcements will also be handed out in the schools in town. Further details may be had by phoning Rod Richardson at 786-2952, or Sue Thornhill at 786-8292. The Piranhas hope to mark this season with their largest-ever number of swimmer sign-ups.



Piranhas await the starting gun at practice.

photo by Steve Ferrero

ges to combine for the Piranhas the work of conditioning, the excitement of individual improvement, and the built-in fun of swimming.

You have swimmers, you have a coach, you have dedicated officials like the Richardsons and Mrs. Thornhill. Who else makes this team? As with any organization for young people, parents also "hang in there" and help. In the case of the Piranhas' Parents, one finds adults who volunteer time to "car pool" their kids to practice sessions and meets and who serve as timers, judges, and scorers at the meets, and who provide one of the most enthusiastic



Judi Gregory, Piranhas' Coach, watches as her swimmers work out during a recent practice. Other swimmers await their start at the blocks.

photo by Steve Ferrero

first season in the Western Mass. Summer Swim League. The team, small in numbers and inexperienced, won none of its dual meets during that first season and scored few points in competition. The problem of numbers plagued the team. Its name, in fact, is that of a small but ferocious fish, feared by both larger fish and men. So the Piranhas found themselves swimming against Sharks from Springfield, or Amber-

coach the Piranhas. A Swim-a-thon, sanctioned by the International Swimming Hall of Fame, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., helped to raise funds for the team's operating expenses, and the AAA Piranhas Swim Team began to take its current shape.

What is that shape? Who and what make up the AAA Piranhas? To begin with, there are the swimmers: Agawam boys and girls, ranging in age from 5 to 18,

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Results from February 26

		League Standing
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Celtics	78	Feeding Hills Pharmacy 7-1
Lakers	75	Village Lounge 6-2
		Riverdale Lanes 5-3
Dan Greens	79	Celtics 4-4
Riverdale Lanes	48	Dan Greens 4-4
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Retreads	60	Lakers 2-6
U.C.L.A. Bruins	50	U.C.L.A. Bruins 0-8

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ANNOUNCES

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MARCH 21, 1978 at V.F.W., SOUTH STREET

All Agawam/Feeding Hills residents (and people who work in Agawam) are invited to the A.C.F.C.U.'s annual meeting on March 21, 1978 at the V.F.W. Hall on South St., Agawam. Informational Booklets, Questions and Answers on all aspects of credit unions will be available.

Members of the A.C.F.C.U. will elect a Board of Directors and a Credit Committee at this meeting.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED!

Basketball Game to Benefit Scholarship Fund

The Agawam High School boys basketball teams will play games against the alumni and the teachers starting at 6 p.m., March 2, in the High School gymnasium. The public is invited.

Proceeds will be used for scholarships for senior members of the team. The J.V. team will play the teachers and the Varsity will oppose a team made up of alumni. Refreshments will be available.

Agawam Charter Commission Schedule

The Agawam Charter Commission has scheduled the following meetings with various appointed and elected officials of the town, together with various employees and groups in the town. Unless otherwise noted the meetings will be at the Agawam Senior Center on Wright St. each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is urged to attend.

The Schedule

- Mar. 1 - Board of Appeal and Planning Board
- Mar. 8 - Meeting of Charter Commission
- Mar. 15 - School Committee and Superintendent
- Mar. 22 - Town Employees including Nurses and Custodians
- Mar. 27 (Mon.) - Town Council
- Mar. 29 - Meeting of the Charter Commission
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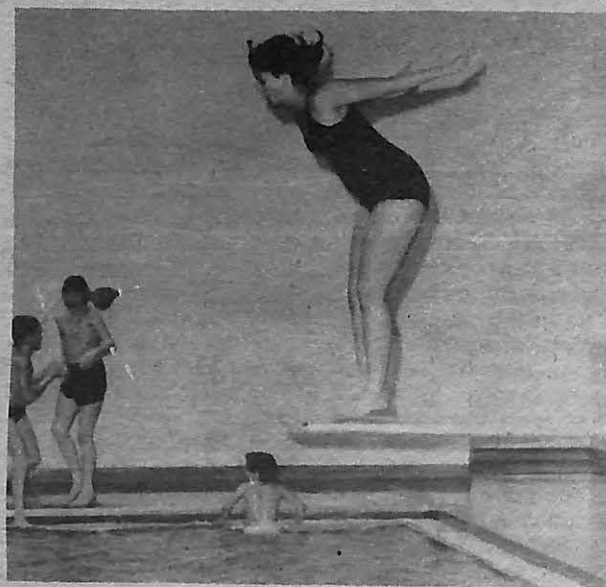
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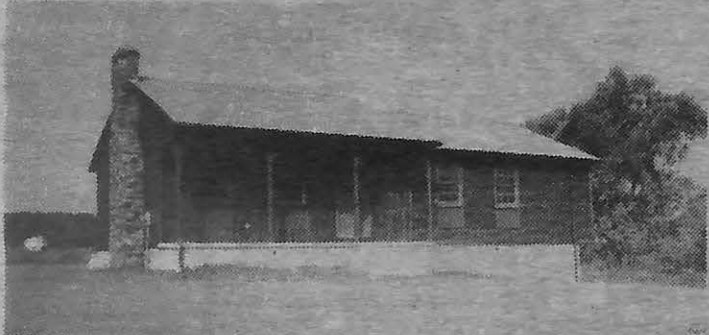


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School Lunch Menus

Menus for the week of February 27 - March 3

Mon., Feb. 27 - Pizza w/cheese topping, buttered green beans, 1/2 peanut butter sand. for seconds, chilled bartlett pears in syrup, milk.
Tues., Feb. 28 - Hamburg & gravy on whipped potatoes, sweet peas, whole wheat bread & butter, peach crisp, milk.
Wed., March 1 - Orange juice, lasagna with cheese & tomato sauce, tossed garden salad with shredded carrots and French dressing, buttered Italian bread, dessert, milk.
Thurs., March 2 - Turkey vegetable soup, turkey sandwich on roll with lettuce and mayonnaise, cranberry sauce garnish, fresh carrot sticks, chocolate brownie, milk.
Fri., March 3 - Chilled fruit juice, meatball grinder with tomato sauce, sweet niblet corn, butter pecan pudding with whipped topping, milk.

Menus for the week of March 6-10

Mon., Mar. 6 - Toasted bologna & cheese sandwich in roll, mustard or mayonnaise, tossed garden salad with shredded carrots and Italian dressing, chilled pears in syrup, milk.
Tues., Mar. 7 - Orange juice, barbecued beef on bun, steamed rice, buttered green beans, chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.
Wed., Mar. 8 - Curly macaroni in hamburger and spaghetti sauce, fruit slaw with peanuts, Italian bread and butter, peach jello with peaches in whipped topping, milk.
Thurs., Mar. 9 - Oven roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, whole wheat bread and butter, vanilla pudding with whipped topping, milk.
Fri., March 10 - Filet of Haddock sandwich, in roll, tartar sauce or ketchup, buttered niblet corn, applesauce, ice cream sandwich, milk.

AGAWAM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Spring - Summer Registration

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Boys Baseball

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10 - 12
13 - 15

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8 - 10
10 - 12
13 - 15

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8 - 14

Registration session will be at the Agawam High Cafeteria,
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